

House File 2221 - Introduced

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BY UPMEYER

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of public funds for certain lobbying
2 purposes and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68B.8, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **68B.8 Lobbying activities by state agencies.**

4 A state agency of the executive branch of state government
5 shall not use or permit the use of its public funds for a any of
6 the following purposes:

7 1. A paid advertisement or public service announcement
8 thirty days prior to or during a legislative session for
9 the purpose of encouraging the passage, defeat, approval,
10 or modification of a bill that is being considered, or was
11 considered during the previous legislative session, by the
12 general assembly.

13 2. For membership in or sponsorship of an association,
14 organization, or group that is registered to lobby before
15 the office of the governor or a state agency or the general
16 assembly.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to the use of public funds for certain
19 lobbying purposes.

20 The bill prohibits a state agency from using or permitting
21 the use of public funds for membership in or sponsorship of an
22 association, organization, or group that is registered to lobby
23 before the office of the governor or a state agency or the
24 general assembly.

25 A person who knowingly and intentionally violates the bill
26 is guilty of a simple misdemeanor and may be sanctioned.